

CHAPTER NO. 615

HOUSE BILL NO. 3004

**By Representatives John DeBerry, Todd, Kent, Ulysses Jones, Eldridge,
Montgomery**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2138

By Senators Cooper, Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 5, relative to the practice of dental hygiene.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(b)(12), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the language:

(12) Administers an anesthetic, except for a topical anesthetic in connection with a dental operation. Provided however, a duly licensed dentist may delegate the administration of local anesthetic to dental hygienists who possess a permit to do so issued by the board. The board shall establish the qualifications, criteria and curricula required for issuance of permits to administer local anesthetic, by infiltration or by block, to duly licensed dental hygienists.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(d), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language "except those procedures requiring professional judgment or skill; " and by substituting instead the language ", except those procedures requiring the professional judgment or skill of a dentist;".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(d)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the language:

(3) Administration of a general or local anesthetic, except for a topical anesthetic in connection with a dental operation. Provided, however, dental hygienists who possess a permit issue pursuant to subdivision (b)(12) may administer a local anesthetic but only under the direct supervision of a licensed and registered dentist who is physically present at the same office location and time and in accordance with rules and regulations of the board.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 22, 2004



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2004



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR